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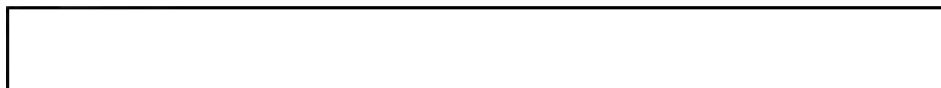


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JAPAN-CHINA: TOKYO IS ACCELERATING ITS EFFORTS
TO OPEN OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH PEKING.

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AT THE SAME TIME THE JAPANESE ARE EXPLORING
A VARIETY OF APPROACHES TO CHINESE IN THIRD COUNTRY
CAPITALS AND IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN AN
ATTEMPT TO MOVE TOWARD FORMAL TALKS. THEY HOPE
TO MEET WITH CHINESE ATTENDING THE CURRENT UNCTAD
CONFERENCE IN SANTIAGO. THE CHINESE HAVE FREQUENTLY
STATED IN THE PAST THAT AS LONG AS SATO REMAINS IN
POWER, THERE IS LITTLE HOPE FOR NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. SHOULD SATO FULLY ACCEPT
CHINA'S TERMS, HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PEKING
WOULD ALLOW THE OPENING OF PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS.

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